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17th May, 1918.

Dear Miss Parish,

How do you feel about Cinderford on reflection ? There were some very stolid unimaginative faces and I felt some sinking of heart now and again. Some of the men there (old Assistants) I sadly fear do their work by the hour and draw their pay and think that the end. To kindle them to Flame will be - well a triumph if they are kindled.

Of the Head Masters Mr. Emery is enthusiastic and hard-working but rather a slave-driver, very deficient in the spiritual and imaginative side; a man who will always do the thing suggested and nine time out of ten most inconspicuously miss the spirit and intention of the suggestion. It is often a rather vulgar thirst for pre-eminence that moves him.

Mr. Mantle is rather idle, rather helpless, quite without inspiration, quite (I fear) impossible to inspire.

Mr. Wheeler is an enthusiastic very earnest little man, profoundly anxious to do the best for everybody. I do not know much of him in his school, but out of his school he is apt to be very stupid, and very stubborn, he always has a grievance.

Miss Maddocks is the one who will really
succeed - among the Elementary Schools.

It will be very interesting to see whether
the books and the methods, and the inspiration from Miss
Mason acting through everything, can save some lost
souls and drag them back a little way towards the light.

I enclose a list of the Schools which should
have the pictures sent to them regularly. May that
be a standing order. I did not realise that we
numbered 34.

Thank you so much for all that you have
done.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

Miss Parson,
Parents National Educational Union,
76, Victoria Street,
London.

M.

1. Miss Trevelyan,
Waterloo S. of E. Girls School,
Cirencester.
2. Miss Clark,
Fox S. of E. Girls School,
Bristol.
3. Mr. H. Andrie,
Foxe Waterloo S. of E. School,
Cirencester.
4. Mr. W. Frazer,
High Street Boys' Council School,
Kingswood,
Bristol.
5. Mr. G. E. Smith,
Tolpelt School, Bristol.
6. Mr. H. W. Gannon,
Church Street Council School,
Bristol.
7. Mr. G. M. Bryant,
Windsor S. of E. School,
Bristol,
Glas.
8. Mr. J. R. Russell,
Fishes View School,
Gloucester,
Glas.
9. Miss T. B. Johnson,
Devonshire School,
Bristol,
Glas.
10. Miss F. Jackson,
Wilson Girls' School,
Gloucester,
Glas.
11. Mr. A. J. Smith,
Wilson Boys' School,
Gloucester, Glas.
12. Miss Hall,
St. John's Boys' School,
Gloucester, Glas.
13. Miss Wilson,
Castle Street Girls' School,
Bristol,
Glas.
14. Miss White,
Wilson Boys' School,
Gloucester,
Glas.
15. Mr. F. J. Smith,
St. John's School,
Gloucester, Glas.
16. Mr. J. A. Smith,
Double View Council School,
Gloucester, Glas.

1. Miss Pender, Waterbury C. of E. Girls School, Gloucester.
2. Miss Birchland, Fairwood Council Girls' School, Stroud.
3. Miss Clark, Oak C. of E. Girls School, Badbury.
4. Miss Latcham, Redbrook Council School, Stroud.
5. Mrs. H. Ridge, Boys' School C. of E. School, Gloucester.
6. Mrs. Stables, Ashwood Road Girls' Council School, Kingswood, Bristol.
7. Mr. R. Frith, West Street Boys' Council School, Kingswood, Bristol.
8. Mr. C. Jones, Council School, Wellington, Rodney, Glas.
9. Mr. C. R. Smith, White Ash Council School, Stroud.
10. Mr. F. H. E. Crosswell, Boys' Council School, Gloucester.
11. Mr. T. G. Deane, Church Street Council School, Stroud.
12. Miss Updell, C. of E. School, Patchway, Bristol.
13. Mr. G. H. Bryant, Trinity C. of E. School, Stroud, Glas.
14. Mr. P. A. Webster, Council School, Chalford Hill, Stroud.
15. Mr. A. H. Russell, Higher Elementary School, Cinderford, Glas.
16. Mr. A. J. Doe, Dainsborough C. of E. School, Stroud.
17. Miss E. B. Johnson, Kensington School, Painsford, Glas.
18. Miss Wilson, Castle Street Girls' School, Stroud.
19. Miss P. Maddocks, Wilson Girls' School, Cinderford, Glas.
20. Miss Webb, Wilson Infants' School, Cinderford, Glas.
21. Mr. A. J. Smith, Wilson Boys' School, Cinderford, Glas.
22. Mr. P. Wheeler, St. White's School, Cinderford, Glas.
23. Miss Hall, St. White's Infants' School, Cinderford, Glas.
24. Mr. J. A. Barry, Temple View Council School, Cinderford, Glas.

Late 12 sets. Ship's up.
 to, along with a
 number of
 black-capped
 Scale Hots,
 Anthleside.
 July 15, 1918
 Charles M. Nelson
 4355 Hume St. 310
 Dear Mr. Howard
 Thank you for your
 note & the Report of the Gloucester
 Education Committee.

The latter gives me
 much beautiful joy. It is
 a great thing to have the
 work so widely & firmly
 planted in any one country.
 I am deeply indebted
 for the many it shows in
 the enormous appreciation

of our aims + achievements.
 What is said of the (undergrad)
 'Secondary' school is especially
 interesting. Exam. results
 in that way would represent
 real knowledge + not
 superficial exams.

I am grateful too for
 to find a mention of me,
 when the schools
 on Bradford have swept -
 the board in the Scholarship,
 for Secondary Schools Exam.
 but. I am rather glad that
 some of the parents' decision to

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Scale How,
Ambleside.

P.S. That a capital idea to
send out those 3 or 6 (very
interesting) pages as a pamphlet
to every Head Teacher in the
County. I wonder could
you open me a batch - ^{open} 7
the whole report: was many
as you can open of the
pamphlet. but - perhaps
Miss Morris has already
put in a plea. Anyway,
may I have some too?
Ch.

"Pss" says & says
 is an all directed in
 This matter to some
 extent. May
 will not see
 Londoners
 who say
 "Do very
 further will
 they be revised?
 I don't
 v. imp
 Charles M. Mason

Scale Holm,
 Ambleside.

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 come 310

Thank you very much.

I thank you have sent me
 enough as the London people
 will have copies.

I am in correspondence
 with the London people
 of Edⁿ with a view to getting
 on College
 as "Efficient" + as qualifying
 for a Certificate for Elementary
 Schools.

Monday (15:1)

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This seems to me important
with a view to our further
developments. Mr. Richards
Chief Insp. of Trg. Colleges is to
come in the autumn & Miss
Dickson has already reported.
but there are too few difficulties.

I wonder would you run
down to Langhammarket & let
me put you up for a night
(at "Lodge Hotel") - there are
many things I want to talk
over with you - especially that
guidance we are to provide
for the future reading of

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House of Education.

Ambleside.

19. 1. 19

Dear Mr. Household

The enclosed has
been sent on to you. Let
me thank you for your good
will & good offices - Every
word tells & I think the policy
of the Bd of Education is very
much to watch the currents
of opinion, also - to adopt
"nothing said" any more

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or practice they think
may be useful. I think
they are committed & will
at - any rate give us suffering.

How far is Gloucestershire &
great question in our caps!
& a most important ex-
periment?

We are anxious to get
hold of the Cont. Secs & have
written a pamphlet - etc.

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Ambleside.

of which I hope to hear
your opinion later - that
is, not of the pamphlet
so much as of the scheme -

I have re-read your
paper on 'Patriotism' with
much pleasure - has it
not odd that a notice
of your second volume
should come out at -

The same time - quite an
 accident - for the printers
^{the artist}
 had had it for a long time.

Schools are coming in
 steadily with work papers.
 Miss Parikh wrote yesterday
 of a party at Long's of 50 lbs -
 very much in earnest -
 & by the same post came letters
 from the mother of a big school -
 I got very hopeful letters from
 Flors. My love yours
 Charlotte Mason

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able to
Main Geography
Dear

Post-Vernon
not writing

Mr.

House of Education,
-Ambleside.

14.2 1915

W. H. Houshold

I was very glad of your
letter. Yes. great - are they
that - are against - us but prejudice
is their stronghold.

I imagine the policy of R. Bd.
of Education is to allow but not
encourage us. I think they
have been rather misled by
Academic people - including
head teachers of 2ndry Schools
but not the head masters of public
schools

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but. Truly is truth. - that
we no other evidence the
delightful stack of papers from
Glas. which I put down on
office should be enough for
permeated people. (I add a
few notes on separate sheet).

This is what we have
done & what we propose to
Cont. Lhs.

I sent a (very poor) letter to the
Times some time ago which was
reprinted & sent with that precious
Glas. report - an evening letter
from Miss Bristow in which
she said a pamphlet wd follow.

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humanities - my intention
was that we could afford to
compromise gracefully if
it was necessary. but the
fact is the matter is simply
vital to the country and must
put on a bold front. Do you
remember Froth's saying -
"There is nothing more dreadful
than ignorance in action" - &
that's what we must - save the
country from - I noticed ~~the~~
the effect of your teaching
~~action~~ will be almost im-
mediate. I wish Cindergood
was as hot hearted & would keep

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Ambleside.

escape strikes! But how
poor that the parents care -
The young respectable citizen
turned out by the technical schools
is really valueless to the nation.

I have heard a little of the
by-play that has gone on in
connection with the various
Committees you mention - &
shall ask you to send the pamphlet
when it arrives with a letter
from you to liberty persons.
Wonder is your influence
greater than your support? Love

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little time since Dr. Collier wrote
very definitely for a lady who
will teach a Cont. Sch. on our lines.

I told her of a Miss Allen, an
old student, - who would I think,
be the right person but the matter
has dropped for the present. - you
will probably think I best to
say nothing about it as the plans
seem a little unripe.

I am filled with grateful
appreciation of your effort & o
laborious one - to get the opinion
of teachers & children. The result
is exceedingly interesting.

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Ambleside.

Invaluable. I am delighted that
our Office is willing to have the whole
printed & sent out as a propagandist
pamphlet. You may do this
don't you think. We should
have a covering letter from you.
+ a note appended to each set
of papers - the sort of note you
described in yr. letter to Miss Parish.

Forgive this long scribble.

Yours gratefully

Charles M. Mason.

I add a few notes abt. Newspapers,
Pictures - It is intended that
each child shd. have a copy of

These beautiful reproductions
 but ^{Mr} Mansell (Oxford Street) who
 does them for us would
gladly produce large prints to
be passed from school to school.

Should you care to write to
 him about it?

Large classes. These are schools
 which find this much the best
 method for such classes. a text
 book & there keeps a big class alert.
Geography. I wish I might be
 relieved of the burden of providing that
 commodity! But children must
 have much detail & they don't
 generalise. We want a map to
 compare & picture for them, & they must

Scale How,
Ambleside.

10th March 1919

your kind return
progressing?
if you not -

Dear Mr. Hornsby

I have never told
you with what very great
pleasure I read your 'Carnegie'
report. You are doing great
work with that village library.

Of Lady's Bell's 4th 70 of
readers in the big Newcastle
Free Library.

Have you seen articles

in the XIXth Century &
 the Cornhill for this month,
 on our method? both I
 think very good.

Of course I am disappointed
 with the report. I did not
 mention any alternative
 to W. Richards.

. Such a 'report' as the report
 as you will find will be a
 work of time & labour - so
 please do it at your leisure.

Respectfully yours
 Charlotte Mason.

Have you any history
 at Ambleside + would
 you care to give it -
 if so? for here
 I am interested
 in the history of
 Ambleside.
 I would give you
 4/6 for the
 1/2 of the
 1/2 of the
 1/2 of the
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But this is a great
 gift you have given us, at the
 cost of labors which most
 of us would shrink from.
 I greatly like the way in
 which you make our school
 consider the objections of our
 + Montaigne on Plaster
 is a brilliant reputation.
 I am particularly glad
 of your mention of Miss
 being a gift of the
 the Rev. Professor to the

Kitching. For I am an old
 woman & she has been more
 carefully trained for years:
 what fine intelligence she
 brings to the task you are
 able to judge.

My desire is that the school
 shall smoothly pass when the
 time for a change in the head
 comes: I think there will be
 no perceptible difference &
 I think the directors should
 always be in the handspace

Scale How,

Ambleside.

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person (with helpers & advisors,
to secure the sort of homogeneity
which both you & your teachers
remark upon. The setting of
books must not be in the
hands of a committee or we
shall lose the sense of vitality
which we all enjoy.

Forgive this digression but -
you see I want to enlist you
as a supporter when the time
comes.

You have among the writers of
the poor 'Babylon' - a man who is like!

It is marvellous how you
have taken up difficulty after
difficulty & presto! it vanishes.
~~Examination~~. But surely, the
Tutor's reason. I delight
in the "happy curious little
soul" who goes on his own quest.

What a capital treatise
on education the whole makes,
the comments of the teachers as
well as those of the Editor!

By the way is X the Secondary
School & shall I be right in
putting "The New Elementary" into the
paper column for the T.M.?

Scale How,
Ambleside.

April 3 - 1915

Dear Mr. Hornsfield

But - this is very
mild! We shall expect
you to give us at least
9 weeks & shall make you
do a little drudgery
in seeing our work - but
not much. I have found
it will be to "talk of many
things . . . whether pigs
have wings" - Do you know

I trust our researches go
in that direction - I particularly
delighted in two notices
of shell boys in yr. report.
We shall do our best to
'make' fine weather.

With happy anticipations

Yours truly

Charles DeMason

I am so glad you agree
with me about Committees!
Excellent institutions.

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Scale How,

Ambleside.

12.1.1920

Mr. Homehold

W. shall count on
you at Whitsonville (please
Stretch the Holy). & your
coming will give us the very
greatest pleasure. But
we must not let you
work too hard. May
your presence is an inspiration.
I trust you would be

it has been long
to be by 9.0.

your letter

Charles M. Mason

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we have your paper -
it would be rather a shame
to screw up bits of pamphlets
a second time because
people forget: + so. I
should like your words also.

I have received Miss Lowe's
paper copy + have not seen
either of the others.

The Times at one time did
us yeoman's service publishing
any number of long letters, /
from us + others - I imagine

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Scale How,

Ambleside.

10.1.10

Dear Mr. Hornschoff

But - from last carried
through our Univ. duty, triumphantly,
& made me very happy, not
only because of the meeting,
important as that was, but
because it is a very great
thing to an old woman to
have a "lover in the faith" who
will carry on - & who is an

expert in the whole thing -
both theory & practice -

I delighted in your reiterated
"Come & see" - & your "W" - we
don't ~~over~~ ~~see~~ ~~see~~ - That
'we' has tonic properties for
us all. They do so & so is
what America would call
quite a different proposition -

Please let me have your
paper in the P.B.

We have got quite a good press
even so feel fully & cordially yours
Ch. Mason

Scale House,
Ambleside.

30. 1 1890

Dear Mr. Household

Miss Parnick has
sent me little 'Wedding to'
to look at. & it helps one
to understand our Master's
joy over the women of Samaria!
It is perfectly delightful.
Let us have some thing
for the last, & the least!

Letters with your 'hall-marks'
continue to drop in.

examined papers also written by Miss Childers
your truly
Charles Maden.

When you come we must
 have a serious consultation
 of ways & means of
 propaganda. I hear
 that Australia is moving.
 & if once it is moving I fear
 that your nice Mr. Smith
 is called upon to give
 evidence before the Dept of Culture
 on English!

I am leaving happy hours
 over enormous stacks of

our meeting but I have not
seen the putting.

Certainly we got a little impetus
to the 7th Congress effort
produced fruit. I should be

very happy if we got some seeds
schools in consequence. I wish

to wish tells me of the Mother
of a Preparatory School who was
bitten at the meeting & now

asks her down to convert her staff.

One never knows how far such
efforts may reach nor how

Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

25. 4. 1920.

Dear Mr. Household

I have just been reading
your 'Experiments in Education'
in the Ed. Times. I am
impressed & how convincing
it is!

Yes, you may call me
an 'empiricist' if you will
allow it - to mean that I
take nothing as true which
has not been established by

experiment -

What fine help you gave
us in your letter with Mr.
Richards! He is behaving
nobly to us, & his caveat
about 'hooning' is all
to the good. If Miss Wix
wants to schools as a recognized
official she would lose
the gentle friendly manner
which is so great an asset

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Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

both in the same Parish.

Two more by the way

you must stop us.

Get the Board to issue
a Circular to G. Councils

& the like telling them

that they must spend

say, a third of the cost per

child, on books. My

books may be to

carry out Mr. Fisher's Act.

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Once they invoiced
the fact - that they must
spend on books anyway
all ^{the} would ~~make~~ all plans
sailing for us.

The other big thing is,
of course Mr. Fletcher.

We are all in much
perplexity about a success
of Miss Wix. Miss Cholmondeley
feels herself bound to Hatherly
Carr's for three years because

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Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

She came her expressing
to be trained to teach her younger
sister young. who is in her
class here. There are
several possible people
I no doubt - the right person
will appear.

I have repented asking
you to speak to teachers on
Bank Holiday - I fear
we should get only a small

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audiences as the tues. will
have made engagement
months in advance.

Besides, the students
have little plans for
amusing you. & we
must not interfere
with the rest of a day or two
which you sorely need.

It is good if you
can & as I lose 2 days
in travel! Yours truly
Charlotte Mason

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Scale Hall,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

Kewick Hotel. Kewick. 2.4.1820

Dear Mr. Household

No doubt you know

Mr. Pullinger, Sec. of D. Hills.

+ it is through you that

"Several schools in Hillsdale
are anxious to take up the Scheme".

I am sending him
your 'Report' & advising
him to see you again with
a view of (putting on foot) schools.

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Alas. Mr. Young, Asst. Secy -
Secondary Education,
Middlesex, has asked me
for 2,500 words about our
methods & results, & I
have been bold enough
without even asking you
to send your report with
marked passages!

There are still secretaries
of heart at our 'Office' -
but I hope they will soon
subside -

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Scale How.

Ambleside.

Westmorland.

By the way, did I make
it plain that it was
your letter addressed
to me which I thought
I might send or if you
cared to make one or
two verbal alterations.

I think it would help
our friend to see things
as they are then.

Did I understand from
Miss Parish that you
were going to write to
Mrs. Hankins about the
suggested appointment
for Miss Wix? As would
it be premature to tell her.

You are an immense
support to the movement.

With Easter greetings

Very yours

Charles M. Allen

I wonder at the possibility of getting
 the confidence of the
 "Buckers". Very
 much - no absolutely
 said this is such.
 Scale Gate, your
 Ambleside,
 Westmorland.
 15th 1920
 C.M. Mason
 138912/10 6310
 I have known of you
 as a true friend

My dear Mr. Hornsby
 I have the Conference
 was a splendid success,
 over which I rejoice - &
 all rejoice.
 But I also hear that you
 are very tired. So am
 going to write only a short
 note & beg you to do nothing
 whatever for R.P.W. until

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after the holidays.

I am sorry to suggest
that paper. The work
daily urges you on more
than enough.

Yes. we have to face the
fact of hostility - I Prof.
Green of Sheffield, a friend
of Schuler's of W. Fisher's, told
Miss Brownell he would
"try it - (RMS) with mail &
the last date." I suppose